

IV. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. Summary of the Amendments

The present application now contains 70 claims.

The application as originally filed included two consecutive claims each numbered "25". Applicant has cancelled the second of the two claims numbered "25" and has added new claim 70, which parallels the subject matter of the cancelled claim numbered "25".

Claim 62 has been cancelled.

New claim 71 has been added to the application.

Claims 4, 17-19, 26, 32, 38, 45-52 and 61 have been amended.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added to the present application under the present amendment.



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V. CONCLUSION

Applicant is of the view that claims 1-61 and 63-71 are in allowable form. Early allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

If the claims of the application are not considered to be in full condition for allowance, for any reason, Applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j) or in making constructive suggestions pursuant to MPEP 706.03 so that the application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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